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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y P A R A T W O

PASS USDA/FAS/FCA AND ERS/SCHOONOVER

PRODUCTION WAS APPARENTLY HELD TO 11 PERCENT THIS YEAR  
COMPARED TO 20 PERCENT AFTER THE DISASTER CROP OF  
1963. (SEE TABLE BELOW)

STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY SHOW TOTAL 1976 MEAT PRO-  
DUCTION DECLINED 11 PERCENT (AS COMPARED TO 1975) TO  
13.3 MILLION TONS. ADDITIONALLY, TOTAL RAW MILK PRO-  
DUCTION FOR 1976 WAS 88.7 MILLION TONS -- DOWN TWO PER-  
CENT FROM 1975 LEVEL. EGG PRODUCTION 55.1 BILLION  
UNITS) WAS FOUR PERCENT UNDER 1975 PRODUCTION LEVEL, AND  
WOOL PRODUCTION DROPPED EIGHT PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS  
YEAR'S LEVEL TO 431,000 METRIC TONS. NO BREAKDOWN WAS  
GIVEN OF TOTAL MEAT PRODUCTION OR UTILIZATION OF RAW  
MILK. FAILURE TO REPORT CHEESE PRODUCTION STATISTICS  
IS ASSUMED TO MEAN THAT OUTPUT WAS OFF SIGNIFICANTLY.

PRODUCTION OF SPECIFIED LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES

1976 1976 AS 1976 AS  
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PERCENT PERCENT  
OF 1975 OF 1974

--MILLION TONS----

MEAT	13.3	89	91
MILK	88.7	98	97
EGGS	55.1	96	99
	430.8	92	94

5.

ANNOUNCED LIVESTOCK POPULATION CHANGES ARE DESCRIBED BELOW AND IN TABLE. TOTAL POULTRY NUMBERS WERE NOT, REPEAT NOT REPORTED, HOWEVER, POULTRY NUMBERS ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS AS OF DECEMBER 1 WERE UP 20 PERCENT OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1975, AND EIGHT PERCENT OVER CORRESPONDING 1974 LEVELS.

#### LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

JAN. 1	JAN. 1	1977 AS	1977 AS
1977	1976	PERCENT	PERCENT
	1976	1975	

--- MILLION HEAD ---

TOTAL CATTLE	110.3	111.0	99.4	101.1
SOCIALIZED	87.5	87.6	99.9	103.4
PRIVATE	22.8	23.4	97.4	93.1

TOTAL COWS	42.0	41.9	100.2	100.2
SOCIALIZED	28.6	28.2	101.4	103.3
PRIVATE	13.4	13.7	97.8	94.4

TOTAL HOGS	63.0	57.9	108.8	87.1
SOCIALIZED	51.3	45.7	112.3	87.5

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PRIVATE	11.7	12.2	95.9	85.4
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#### TOTAL SHEEP &

GOATS	144.9	147.1	98.5	95.8
SOCIALIZED	116.5	117.7	99.0	97.7
PRIVATE	28.4	29.4	96.6	88.8

TOTAL CATTLE NUMBERS DROPPED ONLY 700,000 HEAD FROM YEAR EARLIER LEVELS. WHILE THE POPULATION IN THE SOCIALIZED SECTOR DROPPED 100,000 HEAD, THE PRIVATE SECTOR DECLINED BY 600,000 HEAD -- THUS CONTINUING THE LONG-TERM TREND OF GRADUAL DECREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

300,000 OF HIS REDUCTION APPEARS TO BE IN COW NUMBERS. TOTAL COW POPULATION, NEVERTHELESS, INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVERALL DUE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS IN THE SOCIALIZED SECTOR OF 400,000.

SWINE NUMBERS HAVE RISEN APPROXIMATELY NINE PERCENT SINCE JANUARY 1, 1976, BUT REMAIN SOME 13 PERCENT UNDER THE JANUARY 1, 1975, LEVEL. THE INCREASE CAME ABOUT DESPITE A 500,000 HEAD DECREASE FOR 1976 IN HOG NUMBERS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE TOTAL HOG POPULATION INCREASE FOR THE YEAR IN THE SOCIALIZED SECTOR AMOUNTED TO 5.6 MILLION HEAD (UP 12 PERCENT PER YEAR).

1976 SHEEP AND GOAT NUMBERS FELL BY ONE MILLION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AT THE SAME TIME, NUMBERS IN THE SOCIALIZED SECTOR ALSO DECLINED 1.2 MILLION HEAD FOR A TOTAL DECLINE OF 2.2 MILLION HEAD. A POSSIBLE REASON FOR THE DECLINE IN TOTAL NUMBERS WAS THE UTILIZATION OF THE SHEEP AND GOAT POPULATION TO OFFSET PRODUCTION SHORTFALLS IN THE POULTRY AND SWINE SECTORS.

6. STATE PROCUREMENTS OF MAJOR LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS, WITH 1975 COMPARISON IN PARENTHESIS:  
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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY MEATS, LIVE WEIGHT BASIS -- 14.7 MMT (16.8MMT), DOWN 12 PERCENT; LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY MEATS, SLAUGHTER WEIGHT BASIS -- 9.4 MMT (10.9 MMT), DOWN 14 PERCENT; RAW MILK PROCUREMENT -- 56.2 MMT (56.3 MMT), AND EGG PROCUREMENT -- 32.9 BILLION UNITS (33.1 BILLION UNITS).

IN THE CASE OF BOTH MILK AND EGG PROCUREMENTS, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PROCUREMENTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WERE INCREASED IN ORDER TO MEET YEARLY GOALS AND OFFSET DECLINES IN SOCIALIZED SECTOR.

7. PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN FOOD COMMODITIES VARIED GREATLY DURING 1976 (SEE BELOW). IT IS PROBABLY ALSO MEANINGFUL THAT NO FINAL STATISTICS WERE RELEASED ON PRODUCTION OF PROCESSED MEATS WHICH WERE DOWN FROM 1975 LEVELS BY 19 PERCENT THROUGH NOVEMBER. ON THE PLUS SIDE, 1976 PRODUCTION OF KOLBASA, BUTTER, DRIED MILK PRODUCTS AND MIXED FEEDS EQUALLED OR BETTERED 1975 LEVELS. VEGETABLE OIL AND SUGAR PRODUCTION DROPPED 11 AND 17 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY, REFLECTING THE POOR 1975 SUNFLOWER AND SUGAR BEET CROPS. PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTION IN 1976 ALMOST EQUALLED 1975 PRODUCTION.

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## FOOD INDUSTRY PRODUCTION

1976 1976 -S PERCENT OF 1975

KOLBASA (MIL. TONS)	3.0	100
BUTTER "	1.3	103
MILK "	23.4	99
SUGAR "	9.2	89
VEGETABLE OIL "	2.8	83
MIXED FEED "	46	110
DRIED MILK (THOUS. TONS)	327	103

8. INVESTMENT AND OFF-FARM INPUTS -- INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE DURING 1976 REACHED 32.1 BILLION RUBLES, AND APPEARS TO BE ACCRUING AT THE PLANNED RATE. THE 1976 TOTAL WAS FOUR PERCENT ABOVE THAT OF 1975. SUPPLY OF OFF-FARM INPUTS ALSO GENERALLY APPEARS ON SCHEDULE (SEE TABLE). MUCH OF THE TENTH PLAN INCREASES IN DELIVERY OF FERTILIZERS IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN 1979 AND 1980 AS NEW PRODUCTION FACILITIES COME ON STREAM.

INVESTMENT: BILLIONS RUBLES

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1971/75	1976	1976/80
(AVERAGE		PLAN (AVERAGE
ANNUAL)		ANNUAL)

TOTAL	16.3	32.1	34.3
GOV'T	16.8	21.0	23.1
COLLECTIVE	9.5	11.1	11.2

## OFF-FARM INPUTS

1971/75	1976	1976/80
(ANNUAL		PLAN (ANNUAL
AVERAGE)		AVERAGE)

TRACTORS (PIECES)	333,000	368,000	380,000
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COMBINES (PIECES)	90,000	98,000	108,000
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## FERTILIZER

(MIL. METRIC

TONS)	61.3	74.4	93.4
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9. COMMENT: THE MEAT OUTPUT INFORMATION RELEASED, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, SHOWS A SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER OUTTURN THAN WAS INDICATED IN THE PARTIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR FACTORY PROCESSED MEAT ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THROUGH NOVEMBER, THIS SERIES SHOWED MEAT OUTPUT OFF ABOUT 19 PERCENT FROM THE SAME 11 MONTH FIGURE IN 1975, WHEREAS THE OVERALL 1976 MEAT PRODUCTION STATISTIC WAS OFF ONLY 11 PERCENT FROM THE 1975 LEVEL. WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THIS DIFFERENCE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT PRIVATE SECTOR LIVESTOCK WAS REPORTEDLY MORE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT THAN THE SOCIALIZED SECTOR. HOWEVER, WE LACK SOME PIECES OF THE PUZZLE, AND IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT ADDITION OF (A) POULTRY; (B) ANIMAL FATS; (C) PRIVATE SLAUGHTER; (D) SAUSAGE, TO MONTHLY CALCULATIONS COULD COMPENSATE FOR THE ABOVE EIGHT PERCENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "PROCESSED" AND "OVERALL" MEAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTION, IF THESE PRODUCTS WERE EXCLUDED. FAILURE TO ANNOUNCE OUTPUT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS, E.G. CHEESE, FRUITS AND TOBACCO, PROBABLY MEANS THAT 1976 PRODUCTION LEVELS WERE POOR. ON CROPS WE HAVE A NEW MYSTERY, NAMELY: WHICH OF THE SUGAR BEET CROP NUMBERS IS CORRECT, THE 98 MMT IN THIS REPORT, OR THE 85 MMT GIVEN BY MESYATS IN HIS RECENT FOREIGN PRESS CONFERENCE. MOST LIKELY, THE FORMER WILL PROVE RIGHT. IT TRACKS BETTER WITH OTHER PARTIAL PRODUCTION OR PROCUREMENT DATA WE HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. SOVIET CROP STATISTICS, IT MUST BE RECALLED, ARE LARGELY A GROSS OR BUNKER WEIGHT BASIS. IN A YEAR SUCH AS 1976, WHEN EUROPEAN RUSSIA'S HARVESTING TOOK PLACE UNDER HIGH MOISTURE CONDITIONS, WASTE AND LOSSES IN HANDLING AND PROCESSING STEMMING FROM MOISTURE CONTENT ALONE WILL BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN NORMAL. THE CONDITION OF HARVESTED CROPS IS, OF COURSE, ANOTHER FACTOR. PORTIONS OF THE POTATO, SUGAR BEETS AND VEGETABLE CROP WERE ALL HIT BY AN EARLY OCTOBER FREEZE. STILL, ALL IN ALL, THE 1976 AGRICULTURAL CROP YEAR WAS

ON THE WHOLE GOOD AND THE LIVESTOCK RESULTS, AS RE-  
PORTED, APPEAR NOT AS POOR AS EXPECTED AND THE OUTLOOK  
FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE IN 1977 HAS IMPROVED.  
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